

# **2nd Space Exploration Conference**

**International Exploration Perspective** 

# Moon and Planetary Exploration in JAXA

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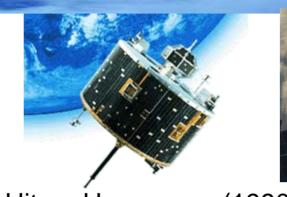
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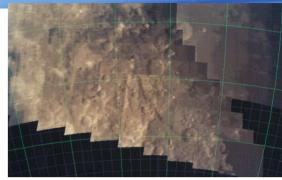
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### Moon & Planetary Exploration -- Past Results

- Lunar Exploration
  - → Two satellites into moon orbit
  - → Hiten impacted on the moon

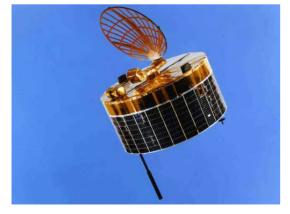




Hiten+Hagoromo (1990)

Hard Landing by Hiten (1993)

- Solar System Exploration
  - → Sakigake/Suisei : International Halley fleet
  - → Nozomi : Technology for planetary exploration



Sakigake / Suisei 1985



Nozomi 1998

Moon far side image Giordano Bruno crater

# Moon & Planetary Exploration -- Latest & On-Going Activities

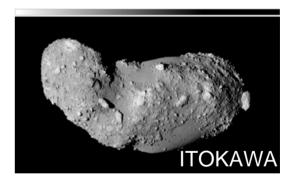
- Solar System Exploration
  - Hayabusa 2003
  - Landing on and taking off from other planet

- Lunar Exploration
  - SELENE 2007
  - Largest lunar exploration mission since Apollo
  - In-depth study of the entire moon





Landing on Asteroid



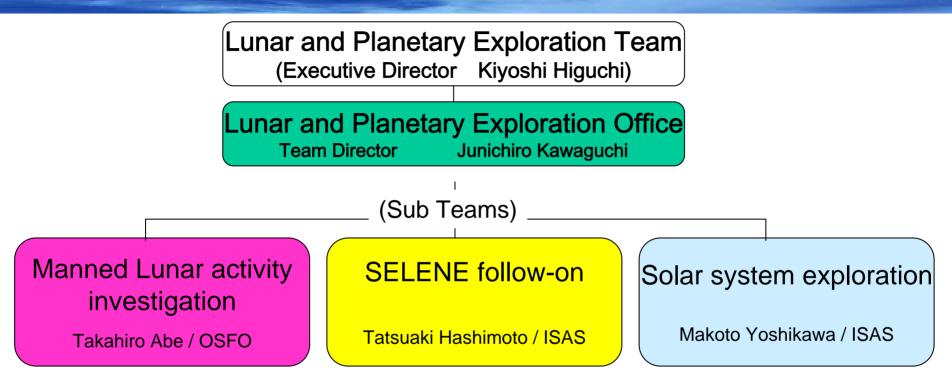
JAXA 2025 Long Term Vision

\*Solar System Exploration

\*Moon Exploration & Utilization

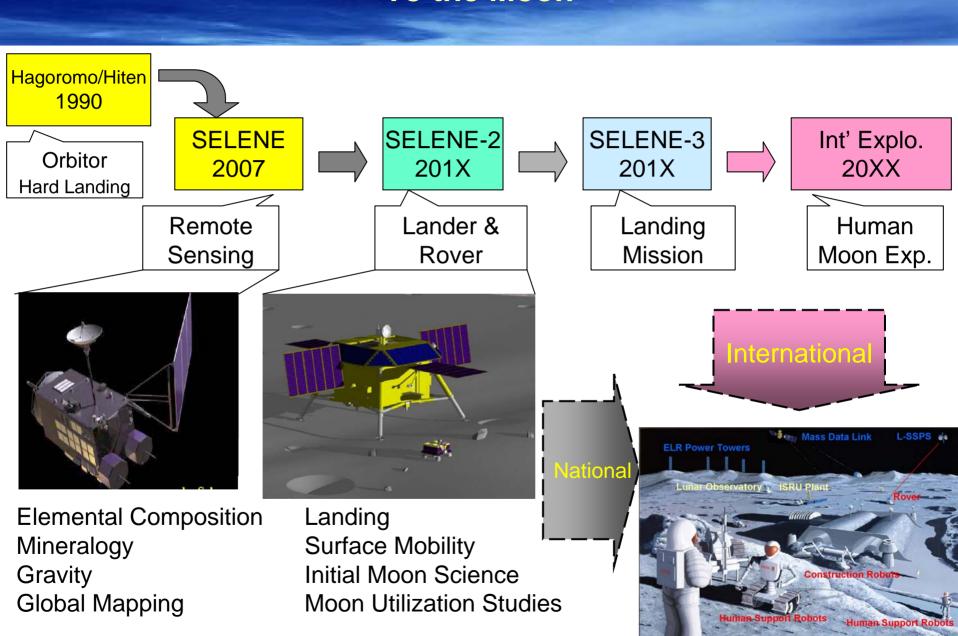
# **Lunar and Planetary Exploration Team**

Implementation of JAXA-2025 Long Term Vision



- Studying Post-SELENE spacecraft
- Exploring the field of lunar science (including the possibility of an moon observatory
- Investigating the possibility of establishing an operational base on the surface of the moon and manned lunar space missions
- Looking into solar system exploration
- Examining policies relating to international coordination on space exploration
- Investigating basic space exploration technology

#### To the Moon



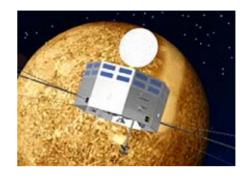
# To the Solar System



PLANET-C
Venus Orbiter



Hayabusa-next



**Bepi-Colombo Mercury Orbiter** 

2011(TBD)

2012



Planetary Exploration

JAXA provides Venus and Mercury Exploration with international collaboration.

2010

- JAXA focuses and concentrates its activity on
  - 1) Primitive Bodies exploration,
  - 2) Planeto-Magnetospheric exploration With the advantage in its advanced capabilities.



Jovian Magnetosphere Probe

# Basic Concept Behind JAXA's Lunar and Planetary Exploration Strategy

- The scope of human activity is expanding
  - Vision of Space Exploration
  - New era of space exploration
  - from the Moon & Mars
    - >the nearest body to Earth
      - >to distant bodies within the solar system
- Findings from asteroid explorer Hayabusa
  - Increasing public interest in space exploration
- International space activities
  - Dawn of an new era of full-scale solar system discovery
  - Expectation for human space exploration

## **Basic Recognition for International Exploration**

- Space exploration is intrinsically linked to;
  - International competition
  - International cooperation.
- > For our space activities: Parallel to international
  - Independent space exploration unique to Japan
  - Study as much as possible about asteroids and moon
  - Get actively involved in international cooperation.
- > For the benefits of international cooperation
  - For manned missions to the moon
  - ➤ Will share a reasonable responsibility with the United States and other countries.

#### Basic Position of Lunar & Planetary Exploration

- Contributory technology development for space exploration of Moon & Mars
  - for Science, Utilization, and Human frontier
  - for International Space Exploration
  - Exam:
    - Robotics/Roving vehicle, Space suits, Un-manned logistics, Energy, . . .
- Integration of human & scientific exploration
  - Supporting communities for JAXA, . . .
  - Robotic explorer for Moon and solar system as present plan
- Peaceful, creative, and robust international space exploration
  - Program of Programs?
  - Who & how of cooperation for human Moon&Mars exploration

# for International Cooperation Activities

- ✓ Several international coordination mechanism for the space exploration
  - ✓ NASA lead Strategy Building Activity
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